December 17, 1976

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

You have totally misunderstood my letter of November 14. In the first place, the reviews a book receives generally increase its sales. Libertarians are extremely interested in the assassinations and I know very few libertarians who know of you or your books. I know libertarians in virtually every state. The only way they will probably hear of you is by way of a review. To my knowledge, no other libertarian writes on this topic. The only time I have for writing is on reviews and on two books I am working on. Furthermore, it is customary in the publishing field that book reviewers are provided with free copies. You are welcome to check this out with various publishers. You state, "I have never heard news or reporting defined as freefees. ... unless you intend the customary ripoff." If you knew anything about libertarians you would know that we believe in free market economics. In fact, we believe in it even more than conservatives. I believe in a 100% pure free market as expounded by Prof. Ludwig von Mises, Dr. Friedrich A. Hayek (nobel laureate) and Dr. Murray Rothbard (my mentor). I can assure you that your books would be reviewed. You are correct that most books never get reviewed but there are two primary reasons for that. Most of these books are either not worth reviewing or there is simply not enough time or space to review them.

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I would be greatly interested in your earlier contacts with so-called libertarians. I don't believe a person is a libertarian because he calls himself one but rather because of his actions. If you refer to members of the Libertarian Party, I would agree with you. A true libertarian would not join the party.

Again you have misunderstood. I refer to Lane, Carson, Groden, etc. because if I am unable to review your books I believe I do believe that I have a journalistic obligation to inform. I do not say however that I will whitewash the books.

What do you know about Joachim Joester? About one year ago I wrote him a letter. I neither received an answer nor the return of the letter. About two months ago I wrote him again. This time the letter was returned and stamped on the face of it was addressee dead. The post office upon receiving it in Germany held it for about three weeks before returning it instead of returning it immediately. Do you know anything about this? Do you know the cause of death? How old was he? Could this be another CIA "heart attack"? Would you have any suggestions about how I might check this out? The whole thing seems mighty suspicious.

We started off on the wrong foot. I truly hope this letter gets us back on the right foot.

Sincerely,
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